

**RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING  
EDUCATION**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**OPEN SESSION**

**January 11, 2010**

**The Open Session of the Rhode Island Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education was called to order at 8:34 am on the above date in room 401, Department of Health, three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meetings Law, so called, and other applicable sections of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island as amended.**

**RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING**

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**Michelle Cahill, LPN**

## **BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE**

**Peggy Matteson, RN, PhD**

**Manuella Reposa**

**Anne Tierney, RN, CRNA, Secretary**

## **STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

**Pamela McCue, RN, MS Director**

**Linda Tetu Mouradjian, RN, Compliance Officer**

### **1. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**

**Ms Leasca called the meeting to order at 8:34 am. A quorum was established at this time.**

### **2. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF December 14, 2009**

**On motion of Ms Cairns, and seconded by Ms Rose it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes of December 14, 2009.**

### **3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**Ms Leasca welcomed the guests to the meeting.**

### **4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Ms McCue informed the Board about the process of nursing license renewals. Specifically she addressed that bright yellow renewal postcards were mailed to nurses in December. Online renewal is the preferred way, however one may request a paper renewal form. Apple computers are not compatible with the renewal system. Expiration date of licenses is March 1, 2010.**

**Ms McCue distributed to the Board the 2010 NCLEX at a glance pamphlet.**

**Ms McCue distributed a DRAFT copy of amendments to the Nursing Rules and Regulations to the Board and guests. She informed the Board this topic will be put on the February agenda for discussion. Ms McCue explained to the Board how to read changes made in the regulations. Ms McCue identified certain sections where substantial language changes are proposed;**

- p.10 sec 5.3 (foreign trained applicants) remove restriction re:CGFNS. There are now other credentialing agencies that can evaluate education of foreign nurses.**
- P. 12 section 6.0 –clearly articulates that current certification is required for APRNS**
- Section 7.0 Nurse Licensure Compact language amendments**
- Section 10.2 removed due to change in statute**
- P. 25, section 15.0 Application for and Issuance of Approval (new Nursing programs) (language taken from the NCSBN model Rules and Regulations)**

- P. 27 evaluate approved programs, annual report date no later than July 31 and standards to report (model language).
- P. 28 16.1 added approved program must obtain and maintain accreditation.
- P.28 LPN programs should be at the post secondary educational organization/program level.
- 16.2 faculty (a i) doctoral degree for a director of nursing, all other faculty MSN or doctorate.
- Practical Nursing Program Director MSN or doctorate
- P 30 definitions for clinical faculty and preceptor
- P. 32 16.5.2 new curriculum content is outlined using model language for LPN and RN programs.
- P. 33 1-9 competencies as outlined by the IOM report.
- 16.6 Innovative Approaches in Nursing Education Programs-new section
- P. 37 Conditional Approval (plan of correction) model rules.

**Ms McCue reviewed the process by which the rules & regulations(R&R) are passed.**

- Language completed by Board then the R&R 's go to Community review for language changes, based on feedback, R&R may be amended to reflect community information, then community hearing formal process, community feedback written/oral, last step Director will make decisions. R&R may take months target for completion is May-June, 2010.

**Ms Leasca expressed on behalf of the Board that they are very interested in community input and look forward to a productive discussion in February.**

**Ms McCue encouraged Board members or guest at the meeting to contact her if they have any questions prior to the February 8th meeting.**

## **5. BUSINESS**

**No new business**

## **6. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Ms Leasca asked if there were any announcements.**

**· Ms Policastro, Executive Director, RISNA announced that the Liberian and Chinese Nurses Association have become recent affiliate members of RISNA. Ms Policastro reminded the Board that the RISNA Nursing GALA would be held on March 26th at the Providence Marriott Hotel. This is a black tie event to honor and recognize outstanding nurses in RI. Ms Policastro encouraged Board members to nominate colleagues and/or friends for these prestigious awards. Nomination packets are available on the RISNA website. Ms Policastro also notified the Board that at this event two nurse will be inducted into the RI Nursing Hall of Fame. Ms McCue offered to send the Board members a link to the RISNA nomination packets for their convenience.**

## **7. ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**On motion of Mr. Gerhardt, seconded by Ms Megerdichian, it was unanimously voted to move into Executive Session pursuant to 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws for the discussion of job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure and licensees and for discussion of investigatory proceedings relating to misconduct by applicants licensure and licensees, and investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. The Open Session adjourned at 9:30 am.**

## **8. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION FOR PRESENTATION OF FINAL ACTIONS**

**Ms Leasca called the Open Session back to order at 2:30 pm.**

## **9. VOTE TO SEAL MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTIONS OF 42-46-5 OF THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS**

**On motion of Ms Rose, seconded by Ms Young, it was unanimously voted to keep confidential all matters discussed in the Executive Session and to seal those minutes in as much as fitness for licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed.**

## **10. PRESENTATION OF FINAL ACTIONS**

**Nurses name: Sara Maroto**

**Action: Reinstate her registered nurse license on Probation for 3 years with restrictions**

**The following Cases were voted a finding of No Unprofessional Conduct**

**PN09-086**

**RN09-073**

**PN09-078**

**RN09-089**

**RN09-014**

**RN09-098**

**PN09-057**

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

**On motion of Ms Rose, and seconded by Ms Young, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 2:35 pm.**

**Respectfully submitted by**

**Linda TetuMouradjian, RN**